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INCREASING PRODUCTIVITY BY QUALITY SEEDS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has drawn up a plan to increase the productivity of forests by quality seeds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the criteria to be adopted for making the quality seeds available to user agencies?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S.REGUPATHY)

- (a) Increasing forest productivity through quality seeds holds a very high priority in the National Forestry Research Plan, though there is no separate scheme being operated at present by the Central Government in this regard.
- (b) A comprehensive plan for planting stock improvement was launched under the World Bank aided Forestry Research and Education Project through Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education by the Central Government. Under this programme nearly all State Governments were provided high-tech nurseries and research input for production of high yielding quality seeds.
- (c) No specific criteria for making the quality seeds available to user agencies have been adopted so far.